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1. Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance (AMERA) was established in 2003 as a charity in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It has played a leading role in the development of legal aid programming for refugees in the Global South, including Cameroon, Egypt, Morocco, Turkey and Uganda.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AMERA aims to increase access to justice for asylum seekers and refugees; provide legal advice for asylum determination, resettlement, family reunification, and other matters relating to the enjoyment of fundamental rights; educate legal professionals in refugee law; and provide web-based resources for refugee legal aid, and refugee information management.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2011, the Refugee Law Project in Uganda expanded its scope of work to lead a coalition of Ugandan NGOs opposing the Ugandan Government's legislation on homosexuality. The Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights has taken over AMERA's refugee operations in Egypt since 2012. AMERA is in the process of changing its name to AMERA International.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AMERA works with refugees in relation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participates in UNHCR's annual NGO Consultations and Executive Committee.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AMERA cooperates extensively with UNHCR: It is instrumental in setting up UNHCR's annual consultations with NGOs; it represents asylum-seekers during UNHCR Refugee Status Determination (RSD); it regularly lobbies UNHCR for improvement in the provision of RSD; and participates in Strategic litigation workshops.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AMERA has lobbied against the exclusion of refugees from the MDGs.

2. Africa Youths International Development Foundation

Special, 2011

Introduction

Africa Youths International Development Foundation (AFYIDEF) is an international (exclusively youth) NGO based in Nigeria with a widespread membership network in Africa. The Foundation supports the work of the United Nations, the World Programme of Action for Youth and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's purpose is to make important contributions to the socio-economic development of millions of youth in Africa. In particular, it aims to liaise with international bodies in carrying humanitarian services in times of outbreak of diseases, war, natural disasters and emergency situations; assist in the organization of rural youth fora on skill acquisition, arts and culture and self empowerment; and act as good ambassadors of Africa by promoting continental integration and harmonious co-existence of diverse communities in African society.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AFYIDEF participates regularly in the local network meetings of the United Nations Global Compact in Nigeria. It also contributes to the work of the United Nations through the following projects: Youth Employment/Income Generation Scheme and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Youth Peace Ambassador Project.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AFYIDEF participated in the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum held in Geneva, Switzerland, 17-25 May 2011. AYIDEF also attended UNESCO's Youth Peace Ambassadors International Training Programme in Bangkok, Thailand, on 25 May 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AFYIDEF has a Special Observer Status with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and is part of Global Compact. It also collaborates with UNESCO and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), among others.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has implemented a project called "Safe Them Young Initiative" since 2011. In 2012, AFYIDEF organized the African Youths Leadership Summit on youth empowerment initiatives and capacity development. The 2013 Summit focused on cultural diplomacy and capacity development, 11 June, 2013.

The 2014 Summit was organized in collaboration with the African Center for Innovation and Leadership Development and the Office of the Special Assistant to the President on Youth and Student Matters on "Fostering Innovation and Leadership in the African Academy", 10 June 2014.

3. Armenian Assembly of America

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Armenian Assembly of America (AAA) is a non-governmental, non-partisan, non-profit national membership organization headquartered in Washington, DC, United States of America, with offices in Los Angeles and New York, United States, and Yerevan, Armenia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The AAA seeks to provide opportunities for the participation of Armenian-Americans in the American democratic process; conduct research, education and advocacy for the universal affirmation of the Armenian Genocide; support the strengthening of the United States-Armenia relations, based on a shared vision for democracy, rule of law, open markets, regional security and unfettered commerce; promote civil society initiatives in Armenia, encouraging free-market oriented, sustainable and responsible development; and work with other non-partisan advocacy entities and individuals in pursuit of shared goals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The AAA is collaborating with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Armenia Office to provide names of qualified Armenian psychotherapists from the Diaspora who are interested in working with UNHCR to help Syrian-Armenians adapt to their current situation. Through its American and international members, the Assembly conducts activities in terms of advocacy, community activism and education in the fields of peace and security, development, human rights, as well as fight against the denial of genocide and other crimes against humanity.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the monthly meetings of the United Nations Psychology Coalition.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The AAA has cooperated with Armenia's Permanent Mission to the United Nations and has supported the initiatives of numerous Armenian organizations that are affiliated with United Nations structures.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Assembly works in support of the following MDGs:

- MDG 1: it was a forceful advocate for the Millennium Challenge Compact between Armenia and the United States that focused on reducing poverty and increasing agricultural productivity in Armenia;
- MDG 3, through its past partnership with the League of Women Voters;
- MDG 4 and 7, through the creation of a coalition titled "Clean Community Coalition" to protect the environment in the Vayots Dzor and Syunik regions, Armenia, and promote healthcare and health improvement through research, garbage cleaning systems, awareness raising and advocacy;
- MDG 7, through the Assembly's sister organization, the Armenian Tree Project, which was founded by the Assembly's Board of Trustees President; and
- MDG 8, through its work in Washington, DC with the United States Congress and Administration to provide assistance to landlocked Armenia. The Assembly regularly testifies before Congress on this matter.

4. Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development (India)

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development India (CESDI) is national NGO for action, study and research on the environment and sustainable development. It was established in 1993 by a group of environment and development activists, inspired by the response to the Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CESDI serves as a resource centre on environment and sustainable development. It envisions "an alternative model of development, which is economically, socially, politically, environmentally and culturally sustainable, which provides basic needs for all, upholding the values such as equality, justice and integrity of creation".

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CESDI was actively involved in assessing the progress of MDGs and providing feedback at various levels. It is actively involved with the United Nations at multiple levels, as described below.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated and made presentations in most of the following meetings:

- "The Road to Rio 2012: Charting Our Path": Major Groups and Stakeholders Asia Pacific Meeting, 17-18 October 2011, Seoul, South Korea;
- Asia Pacific Civil Society Regional Consultation Meeting (RCM) organized by United Nations Environment Programme's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP ROAP), 22-23 November 2012, Kathmandu, Nepal;
- The Asian and Pacific Regional Implementation Meeting on Rio+20 Outcomes, 22-24 April 2013;
- Asia-Pacific Major Groups and Stakeholders Regional Consultation Meeting, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 17-18 September 2013; and
- Regional Consultation on Accountability for the Post-2015 Development Agenda, during the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific's (ESCAP) 7th Commission Session, 5-6 August 2014, Bangkok, Thailand.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CESDI actively cooperates with various United Nations bodies especially with ESCAP, UNEP, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). CESDI is also part of the United Nations NGO Major Group.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CESDI focuses mainly on MDG 7. The organization has partnered since 2006 with the Ministry of Environment and Forests of India on the National Environmental Awareness Campaign, which is the flagship campaign of the Ministry. CESDI was also involved in the discussions on the SDGs, especially on Goal 12 on sustainable consumption and production.

5. Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

Special, 2007

Introduction

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) is a substance abuse prevention organization, representing over 5,000 community-based coalitions in the United States of America and 22 countries, working to create safe, healthy and drug-free communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CADCA works to reduce illicit drug use globally through the establishment of multi-sector antidrug community coalitions by offering training, technical assistance and other resources on how to build effective community coalitions to national and local governments, non-government organizations (NGOs) and community groups in numerous countries affected by the cultivation, trafficking and use of illicit drugs.

Significant changes in the organization

CADCA has significantly expanded its geographic scope of operations since it received consultative status in 2007. CADCA is currently actively working in 19 countries, on five continents including North America, Latin America, Africa, Central Asia, South-East Asia and Europe.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CADCA participated in the workgroup that developed the International Standards on Drug Use Prevention to be published in 2015. It provided training and technical assistance to communities outside of the United States. It sponsored, at the request of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the participation of youth leaders to participate in a youth leadership initiative at the 57th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CADCA has participated in the meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs held annually in March at the United Nations in Vienna, Austria. In 2014, CADCA spoke at a round table discussion during the High-level Segment of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. CADCA also participated in meetings sponsored by the Vienna NGO Committee.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CADCA has collaborated UNODC. In particular, it presented the community coalition model to UNODC and demonstrated how a local community coalition can help to reduce drug abuse and its related problems.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CADCA's activities are merely focused on the development of community coalitions designed to reduce illicit drug use and interrelated problems.

6. Community Social Welfare Foundation

Special, 1999

Introduction

Community Social Welfare Foundation (CSWF) is a NGO founded in Nigeria to assist rural communities in the improvement of their socio-economic well-being.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CSWF aims to reverse the phenomenon of rural-urban drift and propagate the idea that the unexploited wealth and peace of rural communities is healthier than the affluence and, sometimes, frustration of urban communities. The organization seeks to reduce rural poverty levels; find legitimate alternatives for survival in the face of failures and disasters; and reduce incidences of illiteracy and preventable diseases.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization was actively involved locally in several campaigns initiated by the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in local meetings organized by United Nations agencies.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Community Social Welfare Foundation has been very active in working towards the realisation of the MDGs in Nigeria. Under MDG 1, it organised cooperative societies to increase access to funds and commodities. Under MDG 2, it set up adult universal primary education centres; and renovated dilapidated structures in primary schools. Under MDG 5, it sponsored nurses and health workers to rural areas on maternal health-care programmes. For MDG 7, it raised funds for provision of water bore-holes; and organized voluntary sanitation groups for periodic exercises.

7. Compassion Africa Aged Foundation

Special, 2011

Introduction

Compassion Africa Aged Foundation (CAAF) is a NGO based in Ghana.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to contribute to the welfare of older people in the society; advocate for older people; provide HIV/AIDS education and support people living with HIV/AIDS; and embark on Malaria education and sensitisation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In line with the objective of realising the rights of vulnerable and marginalized older people and the United Nations International Day of Older Persons, the organization embarks on different activities on 1 October each year to raise awareness on older people's rights in Ghana. The organization has also worked to empower older people in Ghana to enable them to be advocates in their

communities, speak up for their rights, and negotiate and resolve conflicts in their communities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has embarked on educative programmes in the area of human rights and poverty. It is also trying to acquire a land to build a building for the vulnerable older people who are homeless.

8. Fundación Ecología y Desarrollo

Special, 2011

Introduction

Fundación Ecología y Desarrollo (ECODES) is an international organization founded in Spain in 1992 with a particular focus on the Spanish and Portuguese speaking world (Spain, Portugal and Latin America). It has nearly 25 years of experience in implementing cooperation and development projects in the Latin American region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ECODES aims to promote sustainable development projects and corporate social responsibility (CSR) in Spain and Latin America. The organization develops research initiatives on sustainability and social responsibility, including reports, briefs, articles, studies and best-practice manuals on environmental and social issues. It also designs, develops and manages innovative demonstration projects to show how changes in actions and behaviour (consumption patterns, investments, resource utilisation) can lead to significant environmental and social change. Our collaborative and integrated approach seeks the involvement of all sectors of society — governments, businesses, and civil society — to achieve positive social, economic and environmental change.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ECODES has cooperated closely in the past few years with the United Nations Office to Support the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005-2015. Located in the same city as ECODES' main office and sharing a special interest in issues related to water as a basic human right, ECODES has participated and collaborated in several events, conferences and initiatives developed, promoted and managed by this United Nations sponsored body.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The following projects managed by ECODES support the MDGs:

- Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) is an international initiative for which ECODES is responsible for analysing the climate change impact of the largest publically traded companies in Spain and producing a summary report;
- CeroCO2 is an initiative designed to encourage and offer practical tools to individuals, businesses, NGOs, and government agencies to mitigate their impact on global climate change;
- CSR analysis of businesses: ECODES conducts CSR and environmental, social and governance (ESG) analysis of the largest publically traded companies in Spain, Portugal, Brazil and Mexico; and
- Alianza por el Agua (Water Alliance) is a joint initiative that includes over 270 NGOs, governmental agencies, and businesses in Spain and Latin America with two main goals, which are to educate individuals and businesses in Spain about rational water usage and raise funds for water projects in Central America.

9. International Black Women for Wages for Housework

Special, 1999

Introduction

The International Black Women for Wages for Housework (IBWWFH) was founded in 1971 by Margaret Prescod and Wilmette Brown in New York, United States of America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization was created as part of the nationwide movement to campaign for wages for housework from the government for all women.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has focused on implementing United Nations decisions on measuring and valuing unwaged work and anti-poverty and income support policies,

particularly for mothers of colour. IBWWFH has also circulated research about women's work.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IBWWFH attended the United Nations General Assembly in New York, September 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with United Nations bodies through the following activities:

- It organised workshops for delegate report-backs on the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) 100th session in 2011, which adopted the Domestic Workers Convention (No. 189);
- It worked with families of people in solitary confinement in United States of America prisons, highlighting United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture's opposition to long-term solitary as a violation of the Declaration of Human Rights, 2013;
- It contributed evidence for the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Sexual Violence, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and
- It enabled women asylum seekers to speak about their experiences fleeing violence, claiming asylum, and in detention at the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict, London, June 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization led the following activities towards the MDGs:

- It helped coordinate annual International Women's Day events in India, Peru, United Kingdom and United States to highlight the poverty and burden of waged labourers and unwaged caregivers of mothers across race;
- It called for resources to keep families out of poverty and the child welfare system, United Kingdom, United States;
- It worked for the implementation of ILO Convention 189 with Sindicato de Trabajadoras y Trabajadores del Hogar (SINTTRAHOL), a domestic workers' organization in Peru;
- It co-launched an international petition for a living wage for mothers and other carers in 2014;
- It helped run and staff women's centres in London, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and San Francisco, United States, as a base for women's self-help services and campaigning; and
- In the United States, it exposed the disproportionate number of women of colour in prison and the impact on their families.

10. International Foundation for Electoral Systems

Special, 2011

Introduction

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) is a non-profit, non-partisan, democracy development organization that supports citizens' rights to participate in free and fair elections. Since 1987, IFES has worked in over 145 countries — from developing democracies to mature democracies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

As a global leader in democracy promotion, IFES advances good governance and democratic rights by providing technical assistance to election officials; empowering the underrepresented to participate in the political process; and applying field-based research to improve the electoral cycle.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IFES actively works to support a number of international treaties that identify political participation as a human right. For example, IFES' Disability Rights team works to implement Article 29 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) worldwide, and its Gender team utilizes the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) as a basis for its focus on gender equality and women's empowerment throughout its work.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IFES has participated in all Annual Conferences of States Parties to the CRPD held in New York: it has also served as a panellist in 2011 and co-organized side-events in 2014. In addition, IFES attended the High-level Meeting on Disability and Development in New York, September 2013. In October 2013, IFES observed the 8th United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Youth Forum in Paris, France.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, IFES received funding from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to implement programmes in Guinea and Mali. IFES also coordinated electoral technical assistance to local partners with United Nations Electoral Assistance Division (UNEAD) and/or UNDP in Afghanistan and Haiti. IFES has collaborated extensively with UNDP in Guatemala, Haiti, and Honduras to conduct post-election evaluations, workshops, and/or voter and civic education. Along with five other partners, IFES and UNDP maintain the ACE Electoral Knowledge Network, an online clearinghouse of election-related resources and materials. IFES and UNDP are also partner organizations for the Building Resources in Democracy, Governance and Elections (BRIDGE) professional development programme.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Through its gender equality and women's empowerment work, IFES has facilitated progress on MDG 3, most notably through Indicator 12, "Proportion of seats held by women in national parliament." Through its programming, IFES teams work to build the leadership and political capacity of women worldwide and assist local partners in the implementation of electoral laws that promote the involvement of women as political leaders.

11. International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

General, 1995

Introduction

International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) is a multi-nation, non-governmental, autonomous research institution that brings scientists from the developed and developing world together to conduct applied systems analysis research on environmental, economic, technological and social issues in the context of global change.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IIASA's goal is to provide policy and decision makers throughout the world an opportunity to consider decisions that are informed by rigorous scientific analysis.

Significant changes in the organization

Geographical membership increased to include Nations Member Organizations (NMOs) from Australia, Indonesia, Mexico and Vietnam.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IIASA contributed to shaping the goals and objectives of the United Nations Secretary-General's Initiative on Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All), including on energy access and energy efficiency. Collaborating with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), IIASA contributed to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)'s Fifth Assessment Report. IIASA also contributes directly to the work of several United Nations bodies by providing them with tools and models that inform their work. For example, land-use planning tools have helped the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) better inform agricultural yield potentials globally.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Together with United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), IIASA co-organized the 2011 and 2013 Vienna Energy Forums. It participated in the following meetings, among many others:

- 34th Session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), Bonn, Germany;
- 17th, 18th and 19th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC),

Durban, South Africa, 2011; Doha, Qatar, 2012; and Warsaw, Poland, 2013; and

- The meetings of the Expert Group on Mitigation of the UNFCC.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IIASA is actively involved in the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (Leadership Council) and is a co-organizer of the TWI2050 initiative that gathers leading scientific groups to analyse ways to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In the process leading to the SDGs, IIASA has been active in the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) leading up to the Rio+20 review.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IIASA contributes to the MDGs through its collaborative and independent research. For instance, its work on energy access contributes to poverty eradication and its work on education, fertility and human capital development contributes to the goals related to universal education and gender equality.

12. International Organization of Employers

General, 1947

Introduction

Created in 1920, the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) is an organization working internationally to represent the interests of business in the labour and social policy fields. Today, its membership consists of 152 national employer organizations worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the IOE is to promote and defend the interests of employers in international fora, particularly in the International Labour Organization (ILO). To this end, it works to ensure that international labour and social policies promote the viability of enterprises and create an environment favourable to enterprise development and job creation. Recent areas of focus have been youth employment, informality and international labour standards, among others.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IOE contributes to the work of the United Nations — and in particular the ILO — in its role as Secretariat of the Employers' Group at the ILO International Labour Conference, the ILO Governing Body and all other ILO-related meetings. Through its network of national employer organizations, it has also supported United Nations development programmes in a wide range of countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The following are examples of the types of participation undertaken by the organization: it participates in the work of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and World Health Organization (WHO), among others. The IOE has been asked by the Governments in the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) to coordinate the business dialogue with the GFMD. The IOE is working with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on International Ethical Recruitment Practices.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The breadth of the IOE's engagement with United Nations bodies is very wide. Some examples are listed below: The IOE is an Advisory Board member of the United Nations Global Compact. It also led the business engagement in the work of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights. The IOE is the lead business contact point in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) project on improving access to remedy and has engaged in numerous OHCHR conferences on the issue of business and human rights.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The IOE followed closely the work of the many United Nations groups involved in the discussions on the post-2015 development agenda. The IOE was engaged in influencing this work via the United Nations Global Compact and the Global Business Alliance (GBA). IOE also contributed to the Post-2015 Dialogue on Implementation led by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

13. Inuit Circumpolar Council

Special, 1983

Introduction

The Inuit Circumpolar Council is an international Indigenous Peoples' organization representing approximately 160,000 Inuit living in the Arctic regions of Alaska, United States of America, Canada, Greenland and Chukotka, Russia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main goals of the organization are to strengthen unity among Inuit of the Circumpolar region; promote Inuit rights and interests internationally; ensure and further develop Inuit culture and society; increase Inuit's participation in the political, economic, and social development on their homelands; develop and encourage long-term policies which safeguard the Arctic environment; and work for international recognition of the human rights of all Indigenous Peoples.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization works to promote and protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples worldwide. It played an active role in the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the creation of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples Issues (UNPFII). The organization also actively participated in the preparation of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and its negotiated outcome document, 22-23 September 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th Session of the UNPFII, New York, 16-27 May 2011; 7-18 May 2012; 20-31 May 2013; 12-23 May 2014;
- 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Session of the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Geneva, Switzerland; and
- Other relevant meetings within the United nations system, such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization works directly with the United Nations system, in particular through the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Inuit Circumpolar Council has actively participated in the post-2015 development agenda, in particular though the Indigenous Peoples Major Group.

14. Mandat International

Special, 2003

Introduction

Mandat International is an organization based in Geneva, Switzerland working to promote international cooperation, particularly within the United Nations framework.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Mandat International seeks to promote dialogue and international cooperation; host, publicize and facilitate participation in international conferences; and to support and financially accommodate delegates from developing countries.

Significant changes in the organization

Mandat International has been accredited as an international organization with the Telecommunication Standardization Sector of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU-T).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Mandat International has developed several on-line briefing sites for delegates taking part in international conferences and an international law search engine. In coordination with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, it has organized several information bureaux for the Human Rights Council. It has also provided training and support for Syrian women refugees in Turkey with the help of the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Mandat International has taken part in several sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, and in the World Summit on the Information Society. It also participated in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) "Green Standards Weeks".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Mandat International has maintained cooperative ties with UNDEF, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the ITU.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has conducted research projects and submitted reports on information technologies for sustainable development. Within the ITU framework, it has contributed to the development of the 'Smart Sustainable Cities Key Performance Indicators'.

15. Social Development International

Special, 2011

Introduction

Social Development International (SODEIT) is a social development and relief organization based in Cameroon, which works for the practical realisation of sustainable social development initiatives by protecting the vulnerable and at-risk population and their communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to promote social and economic transformation in poor communities; support the active involvement of most vulnerable populations in the development process; bring stakeholders together to design, install and operate replicable rural and peri-urban socio-economic projects and programmes; hold governments and institutions accountable for fulfilling the commitments made towards protecting and promoting the poor and most vulnerable population; and guide policies and investment towards poverty reduction.

Significant changes in the organization

SODEIT opened a branch in the United States of America named Social Development International Cooperation, which is responsible for mobilizing

resources for its work in Cameroon. A new constitution was crafted to handle the North American Branch of the organization.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SODEIT's activities during the reporting period related to the following areas, among others: girls and teenage mothers' empowerment, children education support, women in financial education and entrepreneurship, youth's empowerment, public health, and agriculture and environmental education.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SODEIT attended the United Nations information sharing platforms in Buea and Yaoundé, Cameroon, 2011-2014. It participated in the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women's (UN Women) fora on violence against women in Buea. It contributed to online fora on the development of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and evaluation of the MDGs.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

SODEIT signed a letter of commitment to the United Nations Global Compact in 2011. It has been an active member of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Chair on Education for Sustainable Development. It is also a member of Stop TB Partnership and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As part of its Girls and teenage mothers' empowerment programme, it empowered 700 girls and women to be active citizens and raise voices to make girls' empowerment a priority within the SDGs. It also provided psychological support to rural children to be responsible citizens, as part of its Children education support.

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1. Al Mezan Center for Human Rights

Special, 2010

Introduction

Al Mezan Center for Human Rights (Al Mezan) is an independent non-profit human rights organization based in the Gaza Strip, State of Palestine.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Al Mezan aims to promote the respect, protection and promotion of human rights and democracy in the State of Palestine to enable its population to enjoy the benefits of social justice and human rights through international law, the rule of law and good governance.

Significant changes in the organization

Al Mezan joined the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) in 2013 and launched the Palestinian Human Rights Organizations' Council (PHROC) in 2010.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization collaborated with the United Nations in Gaza, State of Palestine, through participation in the Protection Cluster, coordinated by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and the 1612 Working Group led by the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), among others. It provided information, data and analysis to the OHCHR and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). It submitted 61 communications to Special Procedures of the OHCHR.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Al Mezan participated in the 16th, 18th, 19th, 21st and 22nd Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC). The organization also submitted a "Letter from Human Rights Organisations to the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process", 6 April 2013, and delivered a joint oral intervention during the 99th Session of the Human Rights Committee, Israel's 3rd report review (ICCPR), Geneva, Switzerland, 13-14 July 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Al Mezan collaborated with the following United Nations bodies, among others:

- UNICEF: it organized 18 symposia on child rights and protection and HIV/AIDS; collaborated on children in conflict and juvenile justice issues; and trained 27 education-supervisors on child rights and protection, 2012;
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO): it strengthened schools' documentation-reporting to protect education rights, 2011-2012; and

– United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): it provided legal advice on human rights violation victims; and launched juvenile justice and building materials campaigns in 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization promoted democracy and human rights to create a stable government. It worked to alleviate poverty and extreme hunger. It monitored and reported on economic and social rights violations, with a women and child focus. It empowered women and promoted gender-equality by strengthening national capacities and conducting gender-focused legal interventions.

Additional information

UNRWA awarded two children's human rights prizes to Al Mezan in 2010.

2. Association des états généraux des étudiants de l'Europe

Special, 1998

Introduction

Founded in 1985 in Paris, France, L'Association des états généraux des étudiants de l'Europe (AEGEE) is one of Europe's biggest interdisciplinary student organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AEGEE strengthens mutual understanding among young Europeans and brings Europe closer to young people. It aims, through its activities, to empower students and young people in Europe to take an active role in society; create a space for dialogue and learning opportunities; and act as their representative towards decision-makers.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant issues.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AEGEE conducts many activities that contribute to the work of the United Nations, including the following:

– The 25 Years of Summer University Project, which promotes European integration and cultural exchanges;

– Easter Partnership Project, to promote the idea of active citizenship; empower youth regarding citizens' rights and duties; and build mutual understanding and trust between people from the Eastern Partnership countries;

– Election observation team which organizes observation missions to democratic processes taking place in European countries;

- Youth Employment Working Group that supports youth in entering the job market; and
- Footprint project aiming at decreasing young European's ecological footprint.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended TUNZA International Youth Conference of the United Nations Environment Organization (UNEP), with the goal to prepare recommendations for the Governing Council of UNEP and the Global Ministerial Environment Forum and launch the Global Environment Outlook-5 (GEO-5) for Youth, Nairobi, Kenya, 10-14 February 2013. AEGEE also attended the Regional Youth Forum organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Istanbul, Turkey, 29-31 May 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AEGEE cooperates with UNEP, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's Environmental Working Group (EWG) supports the work of the United Nations on ensuring environmental sustainability. It also aims to integrate environmental issues into AEGEE's main fields of action; raise awareness on environmental issues within AEGEE and European youth; and facilitate discussions and provide information on the topic.

3. Building and Social Housing Foundation

Special, 2006

Introduction

The Building and Social Housing Foundation (BSHF) is an independent housing research organization that promotes sustainable development and innovation in housing. It is based in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and works nationally and internationally. It works with partners worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

BSHF believes that everyone should have access to decent housing. It acts as a catalyst for change by identifying great housing ideas and best practice from around the world; transferring ideas and practices to places where they are needed most; and helping new ideas grow, so they benefit the people who need them.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

BSHF financed eight international week-long knowledge transfer visits to staff members from United Nations organizations. BSHF has contributed case studies to the Civil Society Network web portal and the United Nations NGO Informal Regional Network Best Practice website. It provides information annually to all United Nations Information Centres worldwide, highlighting examples of innovative housing practice. BSHF organised four three-day consultations to address issues in the United Kingdom and beyond that relate to the Habitat Agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

BSHF attended the World Urban Forums and organized side events in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, in 2010, and Naples, Italy, in 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

BSHF cooperates in a wide variety of ways with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), including by partnering for the last 25 years in the organization of World Habitat Day and inviting United Nations representatives to attend its high-level annual housing policy meetings. BSHF also organizes the annual World Habitat Awards completion. The awards are presented at a UN-Habitat event each year by the organization's Director General.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

BSHF has contributed to MDG 7. BSHF is a partner in the Power House Europe projects funded by the European Union to encourage the sharing of good practice in environmental building technologies by social housing providers throughout Europe. BSHF helped support the development of the Green Mortgage Programme in Mexico and supported identification of good practice of the Global Community Champions programme in Canada, the Earth Roof for the Sahel project in Burkina Faso and the Renewable Energy for Farmers Programme in the People's Republic of China. BSHF has also supported the identification of good practice in terms of improving the living conditions of populations living in slums.

4. Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der Senioren-Organisationen

Special, 1998

Introduction

The German National Association of Senior Citizens Organisations (BAGSO) was founded in 1989. It acts at a national level as an umbrella organization of more than 100 senior citizens' associations, representing around 13 million German senior citizens.

Aims and purposes of the organization

BAGSO aims at promoting independence in old age and securing the necessary conditions. It wants senior citizens to have the opportunity to play an active role in society and create a more positive image of old age in public.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Among other United Nations conferences, BAGSO attended the United Nations Economic Commission of Europe's (UNECE) Ministerial Conference on Ageing as part of the official German delegation, Vienna, Austria, 2012. BAGSO was also representative of civil society and one of the authors of the NGO declaration.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborated with the UNECE.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As member organization of European Older People's Platform AGE, BAGSO was actively involved as a project partner in transnational exchange projects, during which the participants exchanged experiences and good practices regarding participation in the consultation process on the National Action Plans on social inclusion at a national level.

5. Catholic International Education Office

Introduction

The Catholic International Education Office (OIEC) is a non-governmental organization that represents Catholic educators the world over. It brings together the national secretariats of Catholic education in each of the affiliated countries, and is represented in five regions: Africa, America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East, and North Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its main tasks are to promote education for all and educational freedom as a human right; to embody an active Church presence in the world and in the field of education in particular; to promote Catholic schools around the world as well as the training of their teachers as Christian educators; and to combat illiteracy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

OIEC mainly follows the work of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland. It participates actively in HRC's Universal Periodic Reviews, regularly

submitting reports on the States examined during the cycle. These reports are prepared as part of the UPR platform organized by the International Catholic Centre of Geneva (CCIG). OIEC also participates in the "right to education" platform organized by the International Organization for the Right to Education and Freedom of Education (OIDEL). In that capacity it has participated in various parallel events in Geneva on the theme of the right to education. Finally, OIEC, in conjunction with OIDEL, attempts to carry on a constructive dialogue with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to education.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

OIEC regularly follows the work of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, attending the Office's various sessions. It has co-authored a number of oral and written statements with other NGOs.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

OIEC interacts with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to education and supports his work.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The main focus of OIEC's activities has been education; a secondary focus has been sustainable development.

6. International Association for Human Values

Special, 2002

Introduction

The International Association for Human Values (IAHV) is a charitable, educational organization committed to nurturing human values in society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The IAHV aims to promote, support and carry out actions to raise public awareness of the key role of human values for social development; carry out and support research projects; and organize, promote and carry out national and international conferences and fora, including multi-cultural and multi-religious symposia.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has provided volunteers to join hands with local aid troops, brought support in trauma relief, and empowered youth, women, and the rural population in the aftermath of the following natural disasters, among others: Uttarakhand flood, India, 22 June 2013, Hurricane Sandy, 5 November 2012, Haiti Earthquake, 2010, and Japan Earthquake, 2011. The IAVH undertook a project for

war veterans called "Project Welcome Home Troops". It also works on crime prevention with its programme "Prison SMART", which teaches prisoners how to manage their stress, aggression, and trauma. A total of around 9,500 inmates, correctional officers and law enforcement staff have benefited from this programme in 15 countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the World Health Organization's (WHO) Executive Board meetings and annual World Health Assembly, during which it organized side events. It also took part in the United Nations Department of Information (DPI)/NGO Conference, Melbourne, Austraiia, 30 August-1 September 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IAVH is a member of the NGO Forum for Health, Geneva, Switzerland, the Women's United Nations Report Programme and Network (WURN), the NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns at the United Nations in New York and Geneva, the NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion and Belief, Geneva, and the United Nations Global Compact.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The IAVH has worked towards the following goals:

- MDG 1: IAHV's India's 5H Program uplifts and transforms youth into leaders. 6, 024 leaders have been trained in 751 villages;
- MDG 2, the organization provides a free school education programme in cooperation with the Art of Living Foundation in India;
- MDG 3: The organization partnered with IAHV-Jordan and the University of Jordan to enhance the skills of 400 Iraqi women from the private sector banking, aviation and hospitality in Baghdad and Kurdistan, Iraq; and
- MDG 7: IAVH has promoted chemical free farming since 2006.

7. Israeli Committee against House Demolitions

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD), founded in 1997, is an Israeli peace and human rights organization dedicated to achieving a just peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICAHD's aims to end the Israeli occupation, formulate the outlines of a just peace, and prepare the ground for reconciliation. It pursues this agenda by promoting human rights and the application of international humanitarian law to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; focusing on and resisting Israel's demolition of

Palestinian homes; preparing informational materials on the conflict; and conducting international campaigns.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICAHD's main contribution is in the area of peacebuilding. In particular, ICAHD hosted a Diplomatic Briefing on Racial Discrimination in Israel and the State of Palestine at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICAHD participated in the following meetings:

- United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 47th Session, for which it presented a parallel report, 14-17 November 2011, Geneva, Switzerland;
- United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), to which it submitted a parallel report on Israel's house demolition policies, 30 January 2012, and a parallel report on displacement and house demolitions in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, State of Palestine, 14-15 February 2012, Geneva; and
- Human Rights Council 20th Session, during which it delivered a written and oral statement, and 22nd Session, during which it organized a side event, Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Following a briefing by ICAHD and the visit of homes demolished by the Israeli authorities in January 2012, the United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator for the Occupied Palestinian Territory (UNHC), called for an immediate end to the demolition of Palestinian homes by Israel in the occupied West Bank. ICAHD cooperated with the United Nations Special Rapporteur for Adequate Housing and the Special Rapporteur for the Situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian Territories Occupied Since 1967. It took a leading role in the Displacement Working Group and Legal Task Force convened by the United Nations' Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ICAHD's agenda focuses on peacebuilding, which is a key issue at the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

8. Leadership for Environment and Development

Special, 2002

Introduction

LEAD International was founded in 1991 to develop and support a new generation of leaders who would be linked through their experience and careers in a global network focused on environmentally sound development. The network counts over 2400 leaders.

Aims and purposes of the organization

LEAD aims to develop a new generation of outstanding leaders, from all sectors across the world, with the leadership skills and understanding of sustainable development to affect real change; build a global network of leaders who share information and work together to achieve change; and enable to deliver innovative projects and programmes that help to implement sustainable development.

Significant changes in the organization

LEAD hired a new Chief Executive Officer to pursue opportunities as a social enterprise.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

LEAD International acts as a focal point for LEAD Fellows to engage in collaboration with United Nations bodies, including through official meetings, consultations or direct involvement in projects and programmes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

LEAD Fellows regularly attended United Nations meetings, including the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). They also work on projects that support the MDGs, as well in the proceedings of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

LEAD delivered a training course entitled "Putting People First: Building Sustainable Cities with Communities" during the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), as part of the Sustainable Development learning programme, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012. LEAD International is also member of the Climate and Development Knowledge Network Alliance since 2010, which has been collaborating with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in providing support for research, advisory services and knowledge-sharing in support of locally-owned and managed policy processes.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

LEAD works in partnership with many individuals and organizations whose work aims to support the MDGs. During the reporting period, LEAD has worked in Pakistan, India and Indonesia with support from various governments. The LEAD Pan African Session 2012 saw the participation of 10 African countries. LEAD undertakes projects to equip communities, institutions and NGOs in these countries with the capacity to respond to climate change, enabling them to better anticipate and minimize impacts on the livelihoods of poor and vulnerable people.

9. Pan-African Women's Organization

Special, 1990

Introduction

The Pan-African Organization (PAWO) is a NGO created in 1962 that focuses on women empowerment by raising awareness on issues affecting African women. It counts five regional secretariats in North Africa, West Africa, East Africa, Central Africa and Southern Africa. Its headquarters are in Pretoria, South Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

In the past decade, PAWO has worked on ensuring women participation in social media, women empowerment and women inclusion in all aspects of the political dialogue. In order to achieve its objectives, PAWO organizes advocacy and outreach activities at the regional and continental level and ensures that African women voices are taken into account at the international level.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The main contribution of PAWO focused on peace and security. PAWO co-organized a Solidarity Mission to Guinea in 2010 in order to strengthen Guinean Women's advocacy, within the framework of the national electoral process. In 2012 and 2013, PAWO participated in two Solidarity missions in Mali, within the context of the jihadist attacks against the country.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

As an observer to the African Union, PAWO participated in all Head of State and Government Summits and Gender is my Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) Pre-Summit Consultative Meetings on Gender Mainstreaming in the African Union organized by the African Union Commission. In December 2013, the President of PAWO participated as a speaker to the Global Forum on Media and Gender organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Bangkok, Thailand, 2-4 December 2013. PAWO also participated in the 54th, 55th, 56th, and 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

PAWO has an official partnership with UNESCO.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

PAWO's work falls precisely within the framework of MDG 3.

10. Ukrainian Non-Governmental Socio-Political Association-National Assembly of Persons with Disabilities

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Ukrainian Non-Governmental Socio-Political Association-National Assembly of Persons with Disabilities (The Assembly) was established in 2001 and currently operates in all oblasts of Ukraine.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to protect the rights of people with disabilities; raise the status of people with disabilities in society; facilitate their inclusion into society; and participate in the development of state social policy.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has changed its name to The Ukrainian Public Association "National Assembly of People with Disabilities".

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Assembly held conferences and workshops and conducted awareness-raising campaigns, in support of the work of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and United Nations at large.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Assembly provided an Alternative Report to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) Committee on the implementation of the Convention. Also, the Assembly contributed to the Universal Period Review process.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborates primarily with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF). In particular, since 2012, the Assembly has been involved in UNDP's project "Mainstreaming Policies and Services for People with Disabilities in Ukraine", in collaboration with UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Assembly has carried out a number of projects in support of the MDGs, including:

- Promoting access to quality healthcare services and protecting reproductive rights of men and women with disabilities by making healthcare facilities physically accessible, procuring physically accessible medical equipment, and training medical professionals and people with disabilities;
- Ensuring access to education for children with disabilities: Training programmes were delivered for educators and parents; and
- The reduction of poverty levels among people with disabilities by facilitating employment and paid work for people with disabilities.

11. Vienna Institute for Development and Cooperation

Special, 1974

Introduction

The Vienna Institute for Development and Cooperation (VIDC) acts as think tank and agent for social and political change through the organization of conferences, panel discussions, workshops, trainings, cultural events, counselling and awareness raising campaigns.

Aims and purposes of the organization

VIDC aims to increase public awareness on human rights violations, international developments and politics, development policies, gender (in)equalities, cultural dialogue and racism in football.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In the area of gender justice, the organization held a conference on the 10th anniversary of United Nations Resolution 1325: "Women's Participation and Leadership in Conflict Situation and Peace Building", with the United Nations Special Rapporteur for Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 20 October 2010. It held conferences with experts from the Global South/East on combating human trafficking in 2011, 2012 and 2013. On 20 June 2011, VIDC launched the European Football Refugee Day. It held the conference "Development through Football" with representatives from 26 different European and African countries on 23-24 April 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

March 2013: representative attended the 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 4-15 March 2013, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

VIDC has cooperated extensively with tax justice movements worldwide and has supported the High-level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa and the United Nations Tax Committee since 2011. VIDC contributed to implementing the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions in Austria. It organized an exchange programme between West African countries and the European UNESCO Commission between 2009-2011.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

VIDC has been hosting a working group on poverty reduction since 2007, towards MDG 1. On MDG 3, it led a project "Football for Equality — Tackling homophobia and racism with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe", 2009-2012. On MDG 4, it led a panel discussion on the special needs of children during war and conflict for the promotion of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, 27 April 2010. Towards MDG 8, it organized a North-South Dialogue of Parliaments to establish the Austrian parliament as a discussion platform for development policy dialogue and strengthen the Mozambican Parliament in the fields of democratization and institution building, 2010-2012.

12. West Africa Network for Peacebuilding

Special, 2006

Introduction

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) is a leading regional peacebuilding organization founded in 1998 in response to civil wars in West Africa in the 1990s.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WANEP's mission is to enable and facilitate the development of mechanisms for cooperation among civil society-based peacebuilding practitioners and organizations in West Africa by promoting cooperative responses to violent conflicts; providing the structure for such cooperation; and promoting West Africa's social cultural values as resources for peacebuilding.

Significant changes in the organization

WANEP established new secretariats in Cape-Verde, Mali and Niger.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WANEP works in partnership with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in the implementation of a regional early warning and response system (ECOWARN). WANEP is Chair of the thematic cluster on peace and security in the African Union-European Union Joint Strategic partnership.

WANEP organized a Regional Mediation Training Series for Women Leaders from civil society in West Africa. It appraised the national domestication of the

United Nations Security Council (UNSCR) 1325 in 15 ECOWAS countries and evaluated women's participation in peace processes. WANEP advocated for the commitment of governments to implement UNSCR 1325 and provided technical support to the Governments of five countries in the development of National Action Plans.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WANEP participated in regional conferences and trainings organized by the United Nations, including a meeting in consultation with civil society organizations to review the 1998 Report of the United Nations Secretary-General. WANEP participated in a Regional Seminar on the Parliament's role in Crisis Prevention and Recovery organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WANEP worked on building the capacity of Police and Electoral Commission Officers in Dialogue and Mediation in 2012 in partnership with UNDP Ghana. In 2012, WANEP cooperated with UNDP and Catholic University College (CUC) to monitor and mediate on the Ghana election results. In 2013, WANEP facilitated a Training workshop for Ethiopian State Officials on Dialogue and Mediation, in consultations with UNDP Ghana. An effective platform was established for exchange of learning and experience for the Ethiopian State Officials as they reflected on how to sustain and build peace in Ethiopia.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WANEP commemorated the United Nations days in 15 ECOWAS countries.

13. WomenAid Collective

Special, 2010

Introduction

Women Aid Collective (WACOL) was established in 1997 as an independent, non-political non-profit organization that focuses on gender and human rights, peace advocacy and conflict resolution, democracy and good governance, and reproductive health and rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to promote the human rights of women and young people and enlighten the general public on these issues through sensitisation and enlightenment campaigns; advocacy to influence related laws and policies; network with civil society organizations nationally and internationally to share information and experience; conduct and promote research in the field; and act as a lobby for women issues.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization tc the work of the United Nations

WACOL has participated in United Nations meetings, especially at the national level, and developed programmes that were jointly carried out by different United Nations agencies. At the global level, WACOL participated in several United Nations events and made required inputs, including statements in support of its work and calling on national governments to keep their commitments to United Nations goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WACOL participated in the following meetings:

- General Assembly High-level meeting to appraise the Global Plan of Action on Trafficking of Persons, 13 May 2013;
- The African Ministerial Preparatory Meeting for the 57th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 14-16 January 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and
- Human Rights Council's June sessions, 2010-2013, Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since its establishment, WACOL has cooperated and received funding from the following United Nations bodies: the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), among others.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MDG 3 is at the core of WACOL's organizational mandate. It advocates for governmental action towards realisation of that goal. WACOL was also involved in a series of Post-2015 discussions at the national and international level. It participated in local meetings convened by the United Nations country office in this regard. Additionally, it partnered with UNFPA in 2010-2011 to develop an information/leaflet and handbook on the MDGs, which was simplified and used in creating awareness, sensitising and mobilising the general public towards the MDGs.

14. Women in Law and Development in Africa

Special consultative status: 1998

Introduction

Women in Law and Development in Africa is a pan-African network advocating for women's rights as they relate to development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's purpose is to promote and strengthen strategies that link women's rights to development, to foster the emergence of an African culture in which women's rights are asserted and respected.

Significant changes in the organization

In October 2011 the organization's headquarters were transferred to Lomé, Togo.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Organization has conducted and concluded the sub-regional project, launched in 2009 in five countries, to "Use the law as a tool for the empowerment of women": Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Togo. The Organization submitted alternative reports on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) for Burkina Faso in 2010 and Togo in 2013. It has advocated for women's participation in politics in Kenya and conducted a project to promote women's participation in decision-making bodies in decentralized northern Mali communities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the United Nations meetings to evaluate implementation of the Beijing Platform and the programme of action of the Cairo International Conference on Population and Development. It also took part in the 54th and 57th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and in discussions on the new sustainable development objectives and on financing for development.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2010, the organization has been a member of Africa's UNITE to End Violence against Women Committee and the African Women's Rights Observatory created by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). In 2011 it attended a regional meeting on women's access to legal and judicial services in sub-Saharan Africa with several partners, including UNECA, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women). In addition, it participated in consultative forums held by regional women's rights organizations and networks at the behest of the UN Women liaison office for the African Union and UNECA.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Organization's programmes are relevant to Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 3. The organization is also involved in the process of evaluation of MDG implementation and the post-2015 Development Agenda.

15. Women's Legal Education and Action Fund

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) was founded in 1985 to promote and protect the equality rights of women and girls in Canada.

Aims and purposes of the organization

LEAF was created to defend the equality rights of women and girls as enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. LEAF intervenes in many significant legal decisions, organizes workshops, gives lectures and leads women's rights projects, all related to gender and women's equality.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization underwent a severe cut in its financial resources that has prevented it to conduct a lot of its legal and litigation work.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

LEAF submits reports to various United Nations bodies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

LEAF monitors United Nations activities and is involved in many projects and legal cases, which are in line with United Nations bodies' mandates, including but not limited to gender equality, protection of human rights, eradicating violence against women and protection of refugees, including access to health care by refugees in Canada.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

LEAF's work supports the promotion of gender equality, empowerment of women and improvement of maternal health. LEAF engages in influencing policy reform across the health, social and justice systems. LEAF's research and analysis is used by legislators, policy makers and organizations as a catalyst for change for substantive equality rights for women. LEAF is a member of the Legal Strategy Coalition on Violence Against Indigenous Women (LSC), which engages in legal advocacy and research to address the violence and discrimination against Indigenous women and girls, specifically the critical issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women. In 2012, LEAF intervened in the Coalition with the Disabled Women's Network Canada to address access to justice for women with mental disabilities and in particular for sexual assault complainants with intellectual and other disabilities.